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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: OVIP, YO, US

SUBJECT: VISIT TO UNITED STATES BY YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY  
MEMBER KARDELJ

1. THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN RECEIVE KARDELJ ON SEPTEMBER 30 FOR A THIRTY-MINUTE OFFICE MEETING. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI, DURING HIS INTRODUCTORY CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS AUGUST 5 SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO BEEN SO INFORMED AND HAD ALREADY PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO KARDELJ'S OFFICE. EMBASSY PLEASE CONFIRM THAT DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO KARDELJ AND REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. BELOVSKI WAS ALSO ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS OTHER PARTS OF KARDELJ'S PROGRAM, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HE PERSONALLY ATTACHED TO THE VISIT AND THE RESPONSIBILITY HE FELT FOR ARRANGING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. HE PROPOSED THAT KARDELJ CALL ON THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (UNSPECIFIED), AND SAID THAT  
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KARDELJ HAD ALSO RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK AND TO DINE WITH GOVERNOR HARRIMAN. LUERS REPLIED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE CARE OF ARRANGING THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF THE VISIT, AND WOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE YUGOSLAV

EMBASSY AS APPROPRIATE, IN ARRANGING THE UNOFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

3. FYI. WE DO NOT YET HAVE DEFINITE WORD ON THE ACTIVITIES WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE PART IN, BUT WILL SEEK TO GET SOME INDICATIONS WITHIN THE COMING WEEK. WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ILLUSTRATIVE OUTLINE BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, WHEN BELOVSKI WILL BE SEEING ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST AND LUERS AGAIN. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE.

4. BELOVSKI MADE MUCH OF HIS OWN ROLE IN ADVISING KARDELJ AND SAID AT ONE POINT THAT KARDELJ WAS SO BUSY AND THE PLANNING SO INDEFINITE THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COME. WE VIEW THIS AS BLUFF, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING TO KARDELJ'S STAFF OUR GENUINE INTEREST IN HIS VISIT AND OUR ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE PROGRAM.END FYI  
CHRISTOPHER

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